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In response to a recent Rapid Response/Transition Program event:

I would like to thank you and your team for their help during this difficult time. Everyone was great and earnestly wanted to help everyone. They did more than help the employees prepare for the job search...they added a lot of positive motivation/energy to the site.— General Manager, Telecommunications & Technology

FACTS & FIGURES

Access Points an established community resource

The monthly number of job seeker customer visits to MWC trained and supported Access Points have averaged 4,000+ monthly since the beginning of the calendar year.

NEWS & MEDIA

<u>Walmart funds summer job program</u> 12 News, by Melissa Blasius (07/16/12) More than 300 youth in the Phoenix area are learning what it takes to land a job while earning a paycheck this summer.

The Walmart 2012 Summer Youth Employment Initiative's Smart Summer Program has donated \$500,000 to Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc., for the program. [A WIA Youth Provider] Phoenix is one of seven cities awarded the national grant.



PARTNER ITEMS

New business and training center planned

A new Business and Training Center has been approved by the Phoenix Workforce Connection Board and City of Phoenix officials. A greater number of employment readiness workshops will be provided, requests for customized training for new and existing employees of business will be able to be accommodated, and more frequent and sector-focused business hiring events can be planned and delivered, all in a state-of-the-art facility that is easily accessible by light rail in the downtown area. The new location will open in early 2013 at 302 N. 1st Avenue, 6th Floor, in Downtown Phoenix.

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Collaboratively providing workforce solutions to businesses and individuals throughout Maricopa County.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Schedule a visit of a local One-Stop

Please call to schedule a tour of a MWC or PWC Career Center to engage with local job seekers and businesses, or join a local workforce advisory board to hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities being encountered at the grass-roots level.

Contact: Margaret Trujillo, Interim Assistant Director, Maricopa County Human Services Department

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